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1. One hour's drive north of Yana there is a mining operation, near the village of Buhovo, known as Urde. About 2,000 Trudovaks worked in these mines under the control of Russians. Many Russian soldiers were also present.
2. The ore from the mines, a hard light grey material, was brought to Yana by trucks for processing. [redacted] a light yellow fluid, like butter, was extracted and put in 200- to 250-liter bottles. The sweepings (sic) of the mine were loaded on trucks in large sacks for transporting to Russia. About 150 three-quarter-ton trucks ran between Yana and the mines, making six trips daily.
3. [redacted] this mine's ore was being loaded on Russian ships at Varna without being processed.

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